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1. REGIONAL LABATT IN FULL CONCURRENCE WITH POINTS MADE REFTEL WITH RESPECT TO URGENT NEED ALLOCATION OF FY 73 FUNDS FOR ASIAN- AMERICAN FREE LABOR INSTITUTE (JFTU). AS PREVIOUSLY STATED BY LABATT, JFTU LEADERSHIP FIGHTING LONELY FIGHT TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OF ONE OF FEW UNIONS IN MIDDLE EAST BASICALLY IN WESTERN CAMP AGAINST CONSIDERABLE OPPOSITION FROM LEFTISTS BOTH WITHIN JORDAN AND IN OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES. LABATT THEREFORE BELIEVES IT VERY MUCH IN INTEREST USG TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AS OUTLINED REFTEL ON URGENT BASIS. IF NOT RPT NOT DONE, MAJALLY AND COMPANY LIKELY TO LOSE OUT TO LEFTISTS.

2. AS LABATT HAS ALSO STATED (BEIRUT 1987), IMPORTANCE THIS PROJECT NOT RPT NOT CONFINED JORDAN ALONE. WE HAVE MADE POINT MANY TIMES IN THIS AREA THAT AFL- CIO AND USG VERY MUCH WISH SUPPORT FREE DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNIONISM IN ARAB COUNTRIES AS WELL AS ISRAEL. IN EYES MANY BASICALLY PRO- WESTERN ARAB TRADE UNIONISTS, SUPPORT FOR JFTU LEADERSHIP NOW WILL BE TEST CASE. ARABS MAY WELL SEE THIS AS EXAMPLE OF " PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS."

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